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SUBJECT: 30TH UNGA: ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION

1. MISOFF CONVERSATION WITH GUINEA-BISSAU PERM REP FERNANDES OCTOBER 24 LED TO DISCUSSION OF ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION ADOPTED IN THIRD COMMITTEE OCTOBER 17. LITTLE EMERGED ON OFFICIAL GUINEA-BISSAU MOTIVATION IN SUPPORTING THE RESOLUTION, BUT IT APPEARED FERNANDES WAS UNCOMFORTABLE ABOUT HIS ASSOCIATION WITH IT.

2. MISOFF NOTED DEEPEST SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH RESOLUTION RECEIVED BY US. FROM HIS MANY YEARS IN US, FERNANDES WOULD UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT. VERY DISTURBING WERE THE POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES FOR UN ITSELF. IT COULD NOT HAVE A POSITIVE RESULT.

3. CURIOUSLY NOTING HIS OWN SURPRISE THAT BRAZIL AND MEXICO HAD ALSO SUPPORTED THE RESOLUTION, FERNANDES MADE A FRAIL ATTEMPT AT A RATIONALE. SPEAKING "AS A FRIEND" AND MOST ANXIOUS THAT HIS REMARKS BE CAREFULLY PROTECTED, CONFIDENTIAL

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HE SAID, WHILE IT WAS "A SHREWD POLITICAL MOVE BY THE

ARABS", INTRODUCTION OF THE RESOLUTION WAS UNFORTUNATE-
ESPECIALLY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE DECADE AGAINST RACISM.
WHEN THE RESOLUTION HAD COME TO A VOTE, HOWEVER,
HE FELT HE HAD TO SUPPORT IT. WITHOUT ASSERTING IT IS
RACIST, FERNANDEZ THEN SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING OF ZIONISM
WAS ONE OF A DOCTRINE AIMED AT CREATION OF AN "EXCLUSIVE
SOCIETY". HE ALSO NOTED ONE-THIRD OF GUINEA-BISSAU
POPULATION IS MOSLEM.

4. MISOFF RESPONDED THAT ZIONISM RESOLUTION IS PATENTLY
ANTI-SEMITIC WITH NO RELATIONSHIP TO APARTHEID, THE
MAIN TARGET OF THE DECADE AGAINST RACISM; IT IS DESTRUCTIVE
AND A THREAT TO THE UN; AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR THE RESOLUTION
WOULD SEEM CLEARLY TO BE CONTRARY TO SELF-INTEREST.
FERNANDES ' SINGLE COMMENT WAS: "YOU ARE PROBABLY RIGHT."

5. FERNANDES SAID HE WISHED THE RESOLUTION COULD HAVE BEEN
WRITTEN WITH REFERENCE TO SOMETHING "SPECIFIC" RATHER
THAN TO A CONCEPT. HE UNDERSTOOD SOME EFFORT, CENTERING
ON THE EGYPTIANS, WAS BEING MADE TO DIVORCE THE ZIONISM
RESOLUTION FROM THE OTHER TWO ON THE DECADE AGAINST RACISM
AND DEFER IT UNTIL NEXT YEAR. HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT DEVICE
WAS BEING CONSIDERED TO ACHIEVE THAT END.
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